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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/681,497  
Applicant : Stephen G. Bales  
Filing Date : October 8, 2003  
Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites  
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels  
Art Unit : 1732  
Docket No. : LA 001  
Customer No. : 000048373  
May 30, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of 4/9/08, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

**Amended and New Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**A Complete "Clean Sheet" Set of Claims** is presented in Appendix A. This is a complete listing of all claims.

**New Evidence** described in the Remarks section is contained in the attached IDS #5.